GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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MALPRACTICES OF MANUFACTURERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the malpractices of manufacturers with regard to use of ISI marks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to stop the violation Bureau of Indian Standard Act (BIS) 1986?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Following malpractices that have come to the notice of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):
(i) manufacturers using ISI mark on their product or in publicity material without holding a valid licence;
(ii) manufacturers using a colourable imitation of ISI mark on their product;
(iii) manufacturers marking a type and grade of product with ISI mark other than that for which they are holding valid licence.

(c) : Whenever a violation comes to the notice of BIS, immediate actionis taken to check the same. On receipt of a specific complaint or information gathered through market surveillance, detailed investigations are carried out by BIS with a viewto collect documentary and material evidence. Search and seizure is also organized to seize the spuriously marked material, whenever necessary. If the information thus collected is found to be tenable, prosecution is launched in the Court of Law against the offending parties under BIS Act, 1986, and Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. Any person convicted under the Act is liable to be punished with fine upto Rs. 50,000/- or imprisonment extending upto one year or both.